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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Great Man Remembered

By Randy Gear

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As a young child growing up in the North during the late '50s and early '60s, I was not exposed to separate wash rooms, drinking fountains, lunch counters, or schools.

So, when the evening news would report about marches, demonstrations, and confrontations with local law-enforcement agencies, I asked myself why these things were taking place, and why so many people were being hurt, jailed, or even killed.

As a lot of us can remember, the late '50s and early '60s brought about a great deal of change throughout both our nation and the world, and a large portion of it took place in our southern states. It was during this time that a new and outstanding leader came to the forefront of the movement for change – Martin Luther King, Jr.

King was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, and lived in a two-story frame house located on Auburn Avenue. His mother, Mrs. Alberta King, was a former teacher in the Atlanta school system; his father, Martin Luther King, Sr., was the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church. He had an older sister, Christine, and a younger brother, Alfred Daniel.

King entered Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, and graduated at the age of 15. He then entered Morehouse College, where he studied the ministry.

At an early age, King took an interest in the teachings of a Hindu nationalist and spiritual leader, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (called Mahatma Gandhi), whose philosophy of non-violence, "passive resistance," deeply impressed King, and had a great influence on the civil rights movement.

After his graduation, King married Coretta Scott King at the age of 24. They had four children: Bernice, Dexter, Yolanda, and Martin III.

King started his ministry at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in the downtown area of Montgomery, Alabama, where he preached from September 1, 1954, to January 31, 1960. During all his sermons, King spoke of loving our fellow man, and not hating anyone.

In Montgomery, Blacks were not allowed to ride in the front of buses; they could only sit in the rear. This was the law, and those who did not obey it were removed from the bus and jailed.

On December 1, 1955, a lady named Mrs. Rosa Parks refused to give up her front seat. She was then arrested, fingerprinted, and taken off to jail for violation of the Segregation Act.

This action set the stage for King and his followers. They wanted that law stricken from the books, and united in a boycott effort to achieve their goal. Blacks would refuse to ride the public transportation systems or shop at the stores of the Downtown merchants, thus placing the City's business at a virtual standstill.

Eventually, the segregation law was overturned, but it was a long, hard struggle for everyone involved.

King led marches, sit-ins, and jail-ins; gave speeches in Washington, D.C.; and focused on the Nation's poor and homeless. He received a Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He met several times with Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson to work on National civil rights bills.

In 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., found himself in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, fighting for the rights of sanitation workers. On April 4, he was assassinated as he left his second-floor room at the Lorraine Motel.

When I heard this news, I was only a 16-year-old junior at Romulus High School. I could not understand why such a good man had to die.

The next day, it was announced that there would be a memorial service at Eastern Michigan University. The service took place in a lecture hall which was filled to capacity, with no standing room.

No one was talking, and everyone appeared stunned or grief-stricken, but we were all there for the same reason. I didn't know if my being there helped or if anyone really noticed, but it was just my way of saying good-bye to one of the outstanding leaders of our time.

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"History has thrust me into this position. It would be both immoral and a sign of ingratitude if I did not face my moral responsibility to do what I can in this struggle." –Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. □

Residents Say a Hello . . .

The first woman judge in the history of the 34th District Court took office on January 3, 1995.

Judge Tina Brooks Green, who defeated incumbent Chief Judge Felix F. Rogalle in the general election last November, says she's happy to assume her new duties.

The Huron Township resident's background includes working as an attorney and acting as personnel director of her family's Southfield, Michigan law firm.

Green's official "swearing in" will be conducted sometime late next month. □



. . . and a Good-bye

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Local Commentary

Senior City Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry Speaks Out

Editor's note: The purpose of the "Local Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible citizens are invited to make use of this column; for more information, contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at (313) 941-1907 or 941-3113. Views expressed in "Local Commentary" are not necessarily those of "the little paper."

Dear Citizens:

I am writing to you as your senior City Councilman.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve you as a Romulus Constable and as a uniformed police officer from 1955 to 1961, a Romulus Trustee from 1961 to 1970, and as a Romulus City Councilman from 1970 to 1973, 1975 to 1985, and 1987 to the present. In addition, I have served as a member of the Romulus Planning Commission.

I want to talk to you about one of the biggest and costliest mistakes that our city has ever made, a problem that has the potential of bankrupting us.

In the summer of 1990, Mr. Douglas Wicklund, President of Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), and his associates approached Mayor Beverly McAnally and members of her administration and proposed to construct an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approved hazardous waste deep injection well in our city. In return for receiving approval and cooperation from the City, EDS offered to pay the City a royalty which was projected to be about \$500,000 per year. At the same time, EDS said that if the City would oppose the project, it would take the project and the royalty and go elsewhere. Instead of opposing the project, Mayor McAnally welcomed EDS with open arms.

For the next five or six months, the Mayor, members of her administration including Dennis Oakes and David Paul, and certain members of the City Council had numerous meetings and discussions with Mr. Wicklund and his associates and engineers and the DNR and the EPA. I know that these meetings took place and what was said because I participated in a number of them.

During this time, EDS selected a piece of vacant industrial land near Northline and Wahrman roads (which is along an established truck route) for its project site and informed the Mayor and

other officials of the project's location.

On December 10, 1990, EDS appeared before the Romulus City Council and presented its project. After the presentation, Mayor McAnally stated, "I think it could be a real benefit to the community."

Later in December, 1990, Barry Seifman, the Mayor's lawyer, issued legal opinions to the City which said that the City had no jurisdiction over the well. Mr. Seifman stated "... state law appears to have preempted any local regulation of deep well hazardous waste."

During the next several years, EDS applied for and received the necessary well permits from the DNR and EPA and raised millions of dollars which would be needed for construction of the well. At each step, EDS kept the Mayor and her administration fully informed.

In July, 1992, Mr. Seifman again wrote to the Mayor and stated, "Basically, it is believed the State, through the DNR and the Federal Government, through the EPA has preempted the area." Mayor McAnally provided all three of Mr. Seifman's legal opinions to EDS as further evidence of her and the City's continued enthusiasm for the project and EDS depended on those opinions along with the Mayor's encouragement.

Finally, in June, 1993, Mr. Wicklund and his associates met with Mayor McAnally, Mr. Seifman, David Paul, and other officials and advised them that they were ready to proceed with the project's construction. Neither the Mayor nor any other official expressed opposition to the project. Also, on several occasions, EDS' lawyers had asked Mr. Seifman if they needed any authorization from the City before they drilled their well. Each time, Mr. Seifman said no, nothing was needed because the City had no jurisdiction over the well.

On July 13, 1993, EDS invited Mayor McAnally and all the other City officials along with candidates for City Council (including Mary Hatten Collins) to a dinner meeting and informed them that the drilling of the well was about to begin. No one, including Mrs. Collins, expressed opposition to the project.

The City then issued permits to EDS for water, electricity, and the construction trailer which were needed for drilling the well.

In late July, the huge drilling rig started drilling the well.

During drilling, Mayor McAnally,

David Paul, Councilperson Mary Ann Banks, and other City officials visited the rig and toured the site on several occasions. Never did anyone from the City express opposition to the project. The well was finished in late August.

In late September, Mrs. Collins started a protest over the well. Mayor McAnally was so afraid that Mrs. Collins might be elected to City Council and of the criticisms that she would bring with her that, in late October, 1993, she filed a lawsuit against EDS, claiming, "that the underground injection well is not a permitted use in the M-1 Zoning District" and "that Defendant (EDS) has not sought relief from the City Zoning Board of Appeals to allow such use."

In June, 1994, the Mayor tried to raise our property taxes for a so-called "environmental protection fund." Actually, it was nothing more than an attempt to raise more money for the lawyers fighting EDS. I campaigned hard against it and you, the taxpayers, voted it down

by 3 to 1. This was a clear mandate against further spending for the lawsuit. The people spoke but the Mayor didn't bother to listen.

Several months ago, the Judge who is presiding over this lawsuit ruled that EDS must comply with Romulus' zoning ordinances. EDS, in an attempt to comply with the judge's ruling, applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the type of "relief" that the Mayor had demanded. What was the Mayor's response? Instead of applauding EDS' efforts, she hired three lawyers to fight EDS' application before the Zoning Board. This has never happened before in the history of our city's Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Mayor's lawsuit against EDS has never had any basis in fact. Zoning was never an issue in the more than three years that EDS worked with the City to develop its project. This lawsuit is a sham, a fraud, and a vindictive

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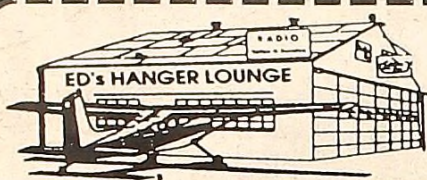
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attempt by Mayor McAnally to save her political career at the expense of the citizens and taxpayers of Romulus.

Mr. Dennis Oakes, who, along with Mayor McAnally, was deeply involved in the meetings and conversations with EDS beginning in 1990, has stated, under oath "... from the fall of 1990 through February, 1993, when I left the employ of the City of Romulus, the City acted on the assumption that it had no ability to approve of the well or its location, and that the use classifications of the zoning ordinance were not applicable" and "I have been advised that David Paul has recently filed an affidavit with the Wayne County Circuit Court in which he takes the position that the well is not a permitted use in the M-1 Zoning District under the Romulus Zoning Ordinance, but that, rather, it is permitted in the MT-2 District. During the period of my employ with the City of Romulus, the City never took that position. On the contrary, although we did not spend a great deal of time on the zoning question, because it was our belief that the City was preempted from imposing its use classifications on the well, it was and remains my opinion that the land selected by EDS is properly zoned for the well; that the M-1 District is the appropriate district for the well, that the proposed well would be closest in character to the uses specifically referred to and permitted in the M-1 District, and its activities would in fact have substantially less external impact from a land use standpoint than many of the listed permitted uses in the M-1 District. The belief that the property which EDS selected for the construction of the well, which was zoned M-1, was properly zoned for the proposed well was not just mine, but, as far as I know, was shared by everyone in the administration of the City of Romulus who was involved in this matter."

The City has stated in court that it does not object to EDS' project being located within the City limits as long as it is located in the MT-2 Zoning District. Most of the property in Romulus which is zoned MT-2 is on the east side of the Airport. I wouldn't be surprised if EDS took advantage of the City's ridiculous position and put in a hazardous waste injection well on the east side of the Airport.

It has been 14 months since the Mayor filed this lawsuit. Had Mr. Seifman properly counseled the City Council and warned us of the overwhelming costs and risks associated with filing the lawsuit, we would have acted differently. Instead, he did not and we blindly followed Mayor McAnally and agreed to sue EDS. All of this could have been avoided had Mr. Seifman had the nerve to stand up for his original opinions and to counsel us properly. So far, the law-

yers have cost our city about \$340,000, it's increasing at the rate of approximately \$25,000 a month, and there is no end in sight. If EDS is turned down by the Zoning Board, this lawsuit will continue and EDS has vowed to file new lawsuits in order to protect the millions of dollars it has spent so far on its project. The Mayor's lawyers, who are supposed to be working for the City Council, have not fulfilled their obligations to us. Sure, they have advised the Council that, at best, the chances of winning this first lawsuit are "50 - 50" and that the City may have "some liability" if it should lose. But what they haven't told the Council is how much "liability" the City really has. The truth is that this "liability" could run into the tens of millions of dollars. This is not counseling. Instead, they are laughing all the way to the bank. Mr. Seifman, after telling us for years that the City was "preempted," is now making a fortune claiming just the opposite of what he originally told us. It's incredible.

My responsibilities are to *all* of the citizens, not just a few noisy protesters. One of my responsibilities as your councilman is to protect your health, safety and welfare. Many of you may know that, in the past, I have fought hard against dumps, landfills, and other suspected polluters where there was just cause. I have studied all of the facts and have sought information from governmental agencies. Recently, I wrote to the EPA and asked if EDS' well was safe and if it would be strictly regulated. EPA Region 5 in Chicago wrote me back and stated that "... hazardous waste injection wells are the most highly regulated well classification under our program, and are considered the highest priority for regulation. The EDS facility will not receive authorization to inject until they have demonstrated to us that the site will not impact human health or the environment. Prior to injecting the majority of the different types of hazardous wastes to be injected, EDS will have to demonstrate that the site will contain the waste for a 10,000 year time period."

I have also reviewed reports from the states of Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Colorado, Ohio, and California, and from the Michigan DNR, EPA Region 6 in Dallas, EPA Region 8 in Denver, and from Canada (there are more than 5000 injection and disposal wells, including 29 Class I hazardous waste wells, in Canada). Similar letters have been sent by EPA Region 5 and the DNR to Councilman Pete Bergeron. The Ohio EPA has written to Margaret Leduc, the City of Romulus' Emergency Management Coordinator, and reported about the safety of Class I wells in Ohio. Mr. William Harrison, professor of Geology at Western Michigan University, has even written to Mayor McAnally and has

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told her that EDS' well is safe. Everything I have read tells me the same thing over and over again—these deep injection wells are safe and they help to preserve our environment. I and my family live here in Romulus. I would not make this statement if I didn't believe it to be true.

I have tried to stop this madness. I believe the lawyers are bleeding us dry. I wrote to them and expressed my concerns but it didn't do any good. They, including Mr. Seifman, are making too much money to stop now. Two other Councilmen have also expressed opposition to the lawsuit, but, altogether, we have only three votes on the City Council. Mayor McAnally, so far, has been able to persuade the other four Council members to continue financing what has turned into her private war against EDS.

I have lived in Romulus for 51 years and never have I seen a company treated so badly as our city has treated EDS. I don't know about you, but I cannot afford to have my taxes raised in order to continue the Mayor's ridiculous lawsuit.

The Mayor has said that EDS lied to her. Well, I have read the depositions of

Mayor McAnally, David Paul, Dennis Oakes, and Mr. Wicklund, and I believe it's not EDS that has lied—it's Mayor McAnally. For some strange reason, neither she nor David Paul can remember the events that took place back in 1990. But I can remember, along with a lot of other people. I refuse to stand by and allow the Mayor to make the City Council the "fall guy" and help her cover up her condoning of EDS' activities, most of which she never told the City Council about. Mayor McAnally acts as if the truth doesn't matter. She is wrong. The truth is all that does matter.

Enough is enough. The well is in and EDS is not going to go away. If the well should have been stopped, it should have happened back in 1990 when Mayor McAnally had the opportunity to do so. We should negotiate a settlement with EDS that will protect the interests of our citizens and that will address the reasonable concerns that have been raised. I also believe that Mayor McAnally should apologize to the citizens and taxpayers of Romulus for the disgrace that she has brought upon our city and for the tremendous amount of money that she has wasted.

Respectfully,
Jimmie C. Raspberry ☐

Optimist Club's "Warm a Child" Program a Big Holiday Success



By Mae Jackson

The Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club wanted to help children for the holiday season and, after much discussion, decided to provide hats, gloves, and scarves for elementary-school children.

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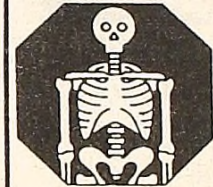
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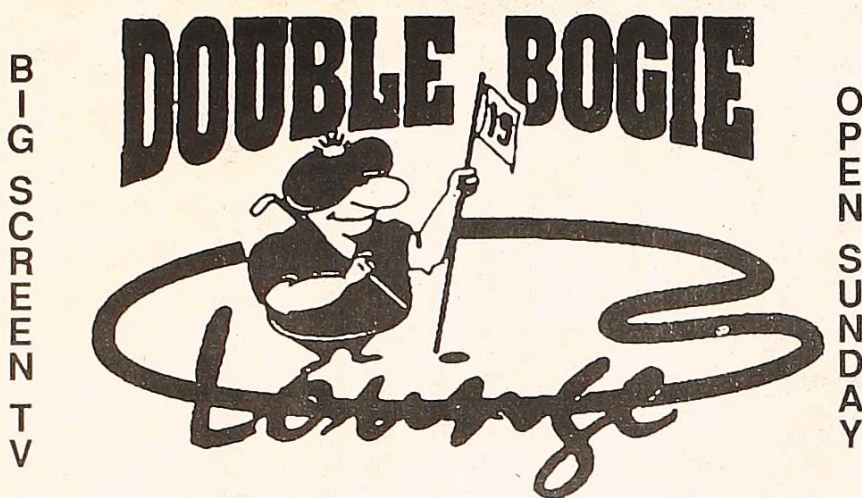
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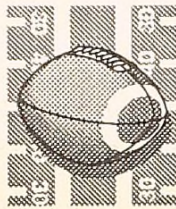
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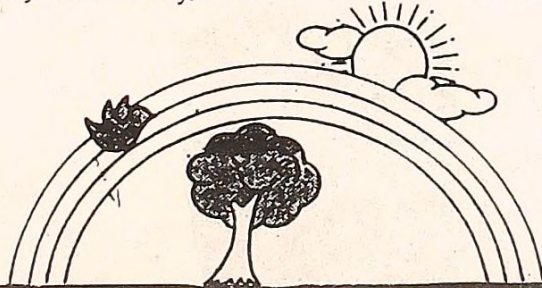


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- **The Global Status of Women** – The Women's Economic Club will present "The Global Connection for Women – Beginning in Beijing" – featuring Ambassador Avronne Fraser, U.S. delegate to the United Nations – at a noon luncheon meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 18, in the Columbus Ballroom of Detroit's Westin Hotel. Tickets are \$18 for members; \$25 for guests. For more information, call 313-963-5088.
- **Cabaret le Femme** – The Huron Civic Theatre will present *Cabaret le Femme*, an all-female musical review to be performed in a unique and intimate cabaret setting, on the weekends of January 28–29 and February 4–5. For more information, call the Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) at 782-5380 or 654-0167.
- **Winter Recreation Programs** – The Wayne County Park System has plenty of outdoor winter recreation activities for people of all ages. There's no reason to catch "cabin fever" – just bundle up and join in the fun! Among the programs offered are one-session lessons (\$13 with rental equipment; \$7 with own equipment) on cross-country skiing at Warren Valley Golf Course (26116 W. Warren Rd., Dearborn Heights), conducted (weather permitting) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. each Saturday from January 14 through February 18; ice-skating (weather permitting) at the Wilcox Lake area of the Middle Rouge Parkway and Elizabeth Park (Trenton); and cross-country skiing (weather permitting) on groomed trails at Warren Valley Golf Course (\$7 ski rental; \$2 trail fee) and Elizabeth Park (no trail fee or ski rental). For more information, call 313-261-1990.
- **Self-esteem Group Now Forming** – Men and women are invited to participate in "Improving Self-esteem," a currently forming group which will meet for two-hour weekly sessions over a period of 14 weeks. Time and location of meetings has yet to be determined. For more information, call Ellen Campbell, MSW, at Family & Neighborhood Services (782-9800).
- **Female Mentors Needed** – The Young Mothers Assistance Program is looking for adult mentors to help support, educate, and nurture pregnant/parenting teens. Training is ongoing. Call 513-7598.
- **Little League Board Meetings** – The 1995 Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its board meetings, which will be held at the Romulus Recreation building on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10. For more information, please call either Cathy (941-7612) or Julie (941-6797).
- **ADD Parent Support Group** – A multi-community Attention Deficit Disorder Parent Support Group will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Bentley Center (15100 Hubbard, Livonia, south entrance). Brown bag lunches are encouraged. Call (313) 513-7598 for more information.
- **Incest "Courage to Heal" Therapy Group** – A newly formed therapy group for adult women and men who were victims of child abuse meets every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Family & Neighborhood Services/Dorsey Center (32715 Dorsey Road, Westland). For information, call Dottie Birrell, social worker, at 326-4262.

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November's "Students of the Month" Honored at RHS, RMS

By Daniel Hurst, principal, Romulus Middle School

Teachers selected a total of 80 Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School students for November's "Student of the Month" honors because of the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during that time period. Students attending a December 14, 1994 ceremony recognizing their achievement received a certificate and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate November's Students of the Month: Dominic Addrow, Paul Anderson, Signora Armstrong, David Atwell, Stephen Bednar, Latoya Bell, Tomeka Boles, Britton Boone, David Bottenhorn, Christina Bouquenoy, Amber Bowman, Gary Caldwell, Erin Cameron, Ebony Causey, Timothy Chilcutt, Audrey Christian, Cynthia Clayton, Stefanie Clemons, Valda Cole, Roshae Coleman, Jessica Colman, Omar Cox, Crystal Davidson, Laneda Davis, Michael Deaton, Andrace Deyampert, Julie Diehl, Sarah Elliott, Melissa Evans, Ryan Evans, LaDonna Franklin, Wayne Fry, James Fussell, Candace Gibson, Megan Gilliland, Matthew Hardt, Stephen Harper, Michael Hatfield, Jeannette Johnson, Daniel Krinke, Charles Kwek, Donna Lee, Michael Lee, Katie Lockhart, Nicole Low, Jaime Luczak, Jonathan Manthei, Crystal Massey, Michael McGinnis, Quatisha Medley, Shanita Moon, Kimika Moore, Monica Moore, Nicolle Moue, Eric Nunlee (Athlete of the Month), Bobby Parker, David Pifer, Melissa Plave, Steven Polack, Kimberly Randall, Christopher Reed, Crystal Renton, Jay Rivest, Rebecca Shelby, Saira Siddiqui, Tamika Smith, Shella Sobocinski, Samantha Soward, Shannon Stewart, Cassandra Tasky, Jeremy Taylor, Lataisha Taylor, Brooke Thompson, Gerritt Vanderlugt, Carla Warner, Craig Welko, Damond Williams, Deunta Yharbrough, Reanna Zakar, and Jennifer Ziemczyk.

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Romulus Recreation Department is looking for coaches/supervisors for its Saturday basketball program, which meets Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a local elementary school. Some basketball knowledge and ability to work with youngsters required. For application information, contact the City of Romulus Personnel Office by calling Marilyn Radford at 942-7512.

Honoring Our School Board Members

By Art McPharlin

January is School Board Recognition Month, and business and community leaders, students, parents, and school employees salute our school board members who help shape education in the Romulus school district.

Board members: set goals for learning; set policies to guide students and staff; approve budgets for all school accounts; approve educational programs; approve every expenditure before payment is made; and represent the school district in the community.

All board members are elected to four-year terms and are expected to be informed and knowledgeable about all issues involving education in their district, county, and state. From student achievement, test scores, and discipline, to school code, grants, millage, and bond issues, our board of education covers every aspect of overseeing school policies.

Besides being education leaders, school board members must perform other important duties. They

are ambassadors for successful schools, lobbyists for positive school legislation, advocates for fair funding of public schools, and the communication link with their community. Their responsibility is ever increasing while their control of local school issues is decreasing. They speak and act for students, families, single parents, minorities, majorities, and business and civic organizations, while often juggling conflicting demands.

In addition to attending two regular meetings a month, our board members serve on committees, speak to groups, take an active part in school activities, and attend out-of-district meetings and seminars. Their main reward is watching each new group of graduates leave the school district equipped to succeed.

Heartfelt thanks to our 1994-1995 Romulus School Board members: President, Sandra Langley; Vice-president, Debra Hoffman; Secretary, Ken Berlin; Treasurer, Judy Gondek; and the Trustees, Howard Kesner, Julie Oleszkowicz, and Pat Patterson. □

Romulus Athletic Programs Stress Grades, Goal-setting

By Talia Tripp

The Romulus Community Schools, like so many other districts, imposes a strict eligibility rule upon its student athletes. Students must achieve a reasonable grade-point average before they are able to participate on a team. Thankfully, most athletes at Romulus High School do not have academic problems, but there are exceptions. Athletic Director Jesse Meriweather says that ineligibility is a constant battle, and fears that some of his players do not take school as seriously as they should.

"The concept is to *graduate* - and participate on the way," he states.

Meriweather speculates that the problem is partially due to publicity. He believes that some student athletes who see their name in the paper sometimes feel superior to other students or even faculty. It is therefore important to avoid creating *prima donnas*. "No one has to cater to them," he says. "No one owes these kids anything."

When a student athlete experiences academic trouble, he/she takes an eligibility card around to all his/her classes. Each teacher marks the student's cumulative grade for the class, and a grade-point average (GPA) is figured from there. According to Meriweather, the student has three weeks to attain an overall GPA of 2.0 in order to play with a team.

When asked if teachers cut breaks for their student athletes, Meriweather says, "I don't know for sure, but I think it goes on occasionally." Obviously, Meriweather strongly discourages faculty from "fixing" grades, since he believes that such a policy can only hurt the individual and the team.

"Practice is like a classroom," he says. "If you can't get a 'C', you can't do much for the team." That's a good point from a man who takes his own advice.

Meriweather attended Western Michigan University on a full basketball scholarship. In fact, four of the nine children in his family were offered full scholarships. Meriweather's 20-year-old daughter Robin, a senior at the University of Michigan, also got a full ride.

Certainly, everyone is eager to learn his secret, but Meriweather claims that there isn't one. He asserts that hard work, discipline, and personal goals did the job in his family. He firmly believes in the power of goal-setting, and even asks his coaches to encourage it.

Meriweather admits that the ineligibility of players is nothing new; however, he would like to see a drop in the number of students sitting out of sports because of inadequate grades.

"The kids have no reason to fail," he says. "When you join a team, you follow the rules. We make those rules clear. If you don't follow them, you don't play." □



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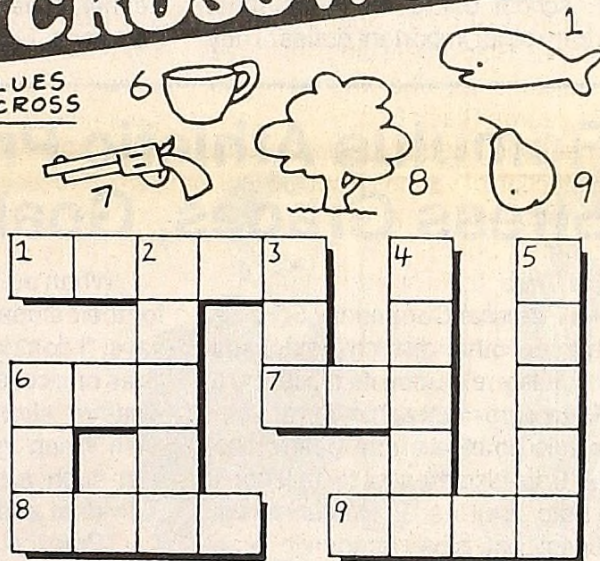
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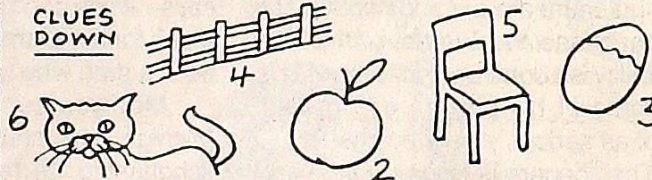


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Einstein as a child

Albert Einstein was born on March 14, 1879 in Ulm, Germany. When Albert was five years old he saw a compass for the first time. Einstein was extremely curious and wanted to find out why the needle always pointed north. He examined the compass intensely and found there was nothing within it which caused the needle to point in the one particular direction.

Einstein knew there was some outside force which kept the needle constantly pointing north. This obser-

vation marks the beginning of Einstein's questioning of the universe.

Although Einstein was extraordinarily curious as a child and was very good at math and science, he did experience a learning problem as well. Einstein had a difficult time learning how to talk!

Also, it has been said that Einstein was often forgetful. But later in his life, Einstein laughed at this and said that his mind was too full of science to think about much else!

Ring in the new year

Every December 31 we celebrate New Year's Eve. People gather with friends and relatives to celebrate the new beginning, as the old year ends and the new one starts. At the stroke of midnight, cheers, shouts, bells, horns, music and singing can be heard.

Although you may think that the noisemaking is an

expression of happiness, it also serves another purpose. According to superstition, noise is supposed to drive away any evil spirits that can ruin the happiness of the new year.

So, cheer, shout and sing your loudest every New Year's Eve, just in case this superstition is actually a true fact!

Body facts

- Lungs use about 12,500 quarts of air a day.

- It takes your eyes about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a second to blink.

- Your eyes are constantly moving, even when you stare at something. The tiny muscles in your eye move about 100,000 times a day.

- The type of hair you have is determined by the shape of your hair follicles.

Follicles are the holes from which your hairs grow out. People with round follicles have straight hair. People with oval follicles have curly hair. And, people with slit-shaped follicles have wavy hair.

- An average adult liver weighs about $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds; it is the heaviest organ in the body.

- Eyelashes 'live' about 150 days.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Hapkido Students Promoted

The United States Hapkido Association held its annual Christmas Student Promotion Testing on Sunday, December 18, 1994, at the Carleton Performing Arts Center located at 12610 Harris, Carleton, Michigan. The December testing is the largest of the year and included demonstrations by Senior Instructor Pete Williams, Instructor Olaf Haakonstad, Instructor Shane McKart, April Wendling, Rheannan Dewar, and Association Founder and President Master Marshall P. Gagne. Over 50 students tested from three schools: Carleton School (12610 Harris, Carleton, MI), Trenton School (2666 Fort Street, Trenton, MI), and the Ypsilanti School (8646 Deering, Ypsilanti, MI).

Members of the testing board included the Grandmaster of Mu Gong Kwan-Kwang Suk Choi and his top student, Matthew Commings. Other members of the board were the President and Founder of USHA, Master Marshall P. Gagne; Hapkido Black Belt, Marty Williams; Instructor, Nathaniel Dorris; Pete F. Williams, testing for 3rd degree Black Belt; Instructor Shane McKart, 1st degree Black Belt; and Instructor Olaf Haakonstad, who was testing for his 1st degree Black Belt.

The testing had students performing a selection of various Hapkido techniques required for promotion. All students broke boards and the colored belts showed their skills in controlled contact free sparring.

In a special ceremony, Master Marshall P. Gagne received his International Hapkido Federation 6th Degree Black Belt Certificate from Master Choi. Master Choi also presented a plaque to each Black Belt.

Special awards went to Pete Williams, Outstanding Black Belt, USHA; Olaf Haakonstad, Student of the Year 1994, USHA; Doug Bouldin, Senior Out-

standing Student, Carleton; Jaime Devoll, Senior Outstanding Student, Trenton; Tammy Devoll, Senior Outstanding Student, Trenton; Rheannan Dewar, Junior Outstanding Student, Carleton; Chris Turner, Junior Outstanding Student, Trenton; Ron Ramoz Jr., Pee-Wee Outstanding Student, Trenton; Shannon Thompson, Pee-Wee Outstanding Student, Carleton; and Andrew Shanteau, Pee-Wee Outstanding Student, Ypsilanti.

As part of his 3rd-degree test requirements, Instructor Pete Williams performed a long stick routine and sophisticated defense techniques against two attackers. The highlight of his demonstration included a smooth circular Hapkido soft-style dance with April Wendling. April, in a Korean dress, and Instructor Williams showed the grace, rhythm, and beauty of Hapkido's soft style. Instructor Williams then showed the techniques as they applied to a self-defense situation by sending his attacker, Olaf Haakonstad, spinning out of balance and through the air.

Olaf demonstrated a selection of Hapkido techniques against three attackers. He showed a variety of kicks, punches, twisting, arm and leg locks, and throws which are part of Hapkido self defense. Olaf also demonstrated concentration and focus of power by successfully breaking 10 concrete slabs with a hand strike.

Other demonstrations included Master Gagne, defense against a knife and gun; Shane McKart, eight concrete block breaks with elbow; April Wendling, self-defense with a fan; and Rheannan Dewar, women's self-defense.

The students all passed and were awarded their belts and USHA Certificates. Everyone joined in for refreshments and celebration after the testing concluded. □

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City Employees Were in the Spirit



The annual City of Romulus Employees Christmas Party (held on Friday, December 16, 1994) was again a huge success – thanks, in part, to the following businesses for their generous donations: Romulus Auto Supply, Rey-Mart Asphalt, Bud's Hamburgers, Captain Nemo's, and Sister Act Deli.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

Please note: Call 942-6852 for more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center (36515 Bibbins).

Happy Birthday

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in January: Arthur Cartwright, Norma Chorney, Russell Comer, Diane Klobucher, Elmer Miller, Fern Mostoller, Mildred Qualls, Danny Rushlow (maintenance supervisor), and Evelyn Sales.

Closed for the Holiday

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed Monday, January 16, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Tax Service To Begin in February

Beginning February 1, volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Center each Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. to assist Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home heating, prescription, and property-tax forms. A list of those materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

Lunch Out

You can join old and new friends for a trip (via the Senior Center van) to Romulus' own Jordan's II restaurant for a leisurely lunch on Wednesday, January 11. Sign up at the Center.

Potluck

The Center's spectacular chefs will be serving their world-famous chili at the monthly potluck, to be held Tuesday, January 17, at 5 p.m. at the Center. Bring a dish and bring a friend.

Dinner Theatre

A one-day "dinner theatre" trip to Marshall, Michigan, is planned for Friday, February 24. The \$40 cost covers transportation, a game of BINGO, dinner, and a live performance of a comedy production. Sign up at the Center.

Attention: Walkers!

The Romulus Senior Center is again transporting interested senior citizens to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for an indoor, move-at-your-own pace walk program. Transportation for participants in the free Wednesday-morning sessions departs from the Center at 9 a.m. and returns at 10:30 a.m.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer at 942-6852.

- **Gambling "Up North"**—Seven seats remain on this trip to the casinos of Sault Ste. Marie—a perfect winter getaway for seniors because hotel rooms, food, and entertainment are all under one roof! The \$119 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of the two-day/one-night outing, which departs on January 26, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, one night's lodging, \$20 in quarters, \$10 in blackjack chips, one pull tab, two free drinks, and a 10% discount at the restaurant.

- **Gulf Coast**—Discover Biloxi, Mississippi, and New Orleans, Louisiana, on this seven-day excursion to the Gulf Coast. The \$549 cost of the trip (based on double-occupancy rates), which departs March 12, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation; six nights' accommodations; nine meals; a guided tour of New Orleans (including the French Quarter, above-ground cemeteries, Garden District, and Superdome); a guided tour of Mississippi's Gulf Coast (including the Walter Anderson Museum of Art and the Seafood Industry Museum); three nights of casino gambling, each in a different venue; admission to Beauvoir, the seaside estate of Jefferson Davis; a tour of Stennis Space Center; and more!

- **Gambling on the Mississippi**—Enjoy casino gambling riverboat-style! The \$159 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this three-day trip, which departs March 13, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation; two nights' lodging at Jumer's Castle; lunch, dinner, and gambling on the *Mississippi Belle II*; dinner and gambling on Jumer's Casino Rock Island; and more.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.). □

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The Stork Arrived

Zachary Ryan Morris

Ron and Terri Morris (Taylor, MI) are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Zachary Ryan. Zachary was born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 11:51 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 1994, weighing in at seven pounds, two ounces, and measuring 20 inches.

Especially excited about Zachary's arrival were his two big brothers, Kyle C. (age four) and Trent M. (age three), as well as grandparents Walter and Sandy Tank and Edrow and Merlene Morris (all of Romulus, MI). □



Obituaries

Scott McIntosh

Scott McIntosh of Ferndale, Michigan, died on Monday, December 12, 1994, at the age of 35.

A floral designer, the native of Ypsilanti, Michigan, was born on February 10, 1959.

Scott is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (Elsie) McIntosh

(Romulus, MI), and sisters Mrs. David (Marval) Holbrook (Romulus, MI) and Ms. Georgia McIntosh (Wyandotte, MI).

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 14, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Donald "Mike" McClellan (Romulus Wesleyan Church) officiating.

Delcia L. Svacha

Delcia L. Svacha of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, January 3, 1995. She was 67 years old.

Delcia - born on July 22, 1927, in Inkster, Michigan - had been employed as a secretary, and was a talented artist and pianist.

She is survived by her husband, David C. Svacha; sons David L. (Romulus, MI) and John C. Svacha (Canton, MI); brothers Clifford (Sommerset, MI) and Herman Rayl (Canton, MI); sisters Mrs. Richard (Alice) Stephenson (Dearborn, MI), Mrs. Annie Sgambati

(Northridge, CA), and Mrs. Emanuel (Ada) Hilton (Thousand Oaks, CA); and nine grandchildren. She was predeceased by one daughter, Jewln.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 6, at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Interment will be at Cadillac Memorial Gardens (Westland, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to Calvary Baptist Church of Romulus. □



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